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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director**SUBJECT: Meeting with Senator Hayden**

This memorandum contains a recommendation in paragraph 5.

1. Senator Hayden called me up to his office this morning and showed me a letter he had just received from Senator Robertson of Virginia. Senator Robertson indicated in the letter that he had received information from a source (unnamed) to the effect that this Agency was squandering money both at home and abroad, and engaging in a number of projects that were producing very little in the way of useful results. He also complained about the size of the Headquarters establishment and stated his objection to the construction of a "little Pentagon" which would house "between 30,000 and 35,000" of our employees in Washington. Senator Hayden wanted my advice as to what to do with this letter.

2. I told Senator Hayden the allegations in the letter were untrue, and specifically reminded him of the true figures of our personnel strength in Washington. I told the Senator that I had no idea who could have fed Senator Robertson the information in his letter, but I did point out that certain of the allegations sounded somewhat similar to comments we had received from Senator Byrd after he made a trip to Europe in the summer of 1955.

3. Following our discussion, Senator Hayden decided to speak to Senator Robertson, probably tomorrow, to set him straight on the personnel figures, and to remind him of the fact that Senator Russell had constituted a subcommittee which goes into the types of problems discussed in the letter. He will point out to Senator Robertson that Senator Byrd is a member of this subcommittee, and that the subcommittee is to be briefed in the very near future on our personnel situation and on other matters. He will suggest that if Senator Robertson has any questions he should pass them on to Senator Byrd, who will undoubtedly be happy to raise them the next time we appear before the Armed Services Subcommittee.

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4. In discussing our plans to brief the Armed Services Subcommittee on personnel, I indicated that I was sure the Director would be very happy to conduct a similar briefing for Senator Hayden and such members of his Committee as he may desire. I told him that the Director would also like very much to give Senator Hayden a complete run-down on intelligence performances during recent crises whenever the Senator desires. The Senator reiterated his traditional view that he plans to rely on the Armed Services Committee for all of the substantive work affecting the Agency, and that he does not feel that his Committee should go into details on CIA budget or operations.

5. It is recommended that the Director get in touch with Senator Russell immediately and go on record with an offer to brief the Subcommittee at their convenience on our personnel situation. I think it is important that we get on record with the offer before Senator Robertson goes to Senator Byrd, which he may do as early as tomorrow. I also believe that the Director should offer to go up to Senator Russell's office or to the Committee room for the briefing rather than invite the Senators down here, simply because I think there is a much better chance of getting a good attendance if we meet them on their own grounds.

/s/ Norman S. Paul

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